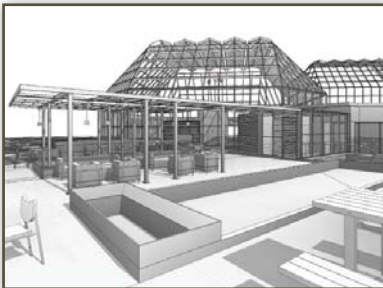


Report of the Executive Director



4000 Connecticut Avenue, NW (1)

During the past month, the Executive Director approved one project under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Preliminary and final site and building plans for rooftop improvements (POD J) at 4000 Connecticut Avenue, NW (former Intelsat Building) (7633)

PLANNING UPDATES

The Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative

On February 9, the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation signatories will meet to assess and discuss the existing plan and regulatory guidance for Pennsylvania Avenue. They will also identify and prioritize the problems and potential near- and long-term solutions to guide the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Action Plan. Moving forward, staff will work with the signatories, the Initiative Steering Committee, and the public to develop a programmatic framework to improve the Avenue's function, walkability, and street-level activity. This programmatic framework will also inform near- and long-term action plans for the Avenue.

Comments on the DC Zoning Update

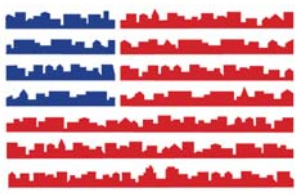
On December 11 the Zoning Commission voted to take proposed action on the District's Zoning Regulations Review. When the Zoning Commission publishes the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the DC Register the case will be referred to the Commission for official comment. Staff anticipates that the Zoning Commission will call for a 60-day public comment period and plans to present the case to NCPC at the March Commission meeting.

Regional Plan Review: Arlington Courthouse Square Design Concept

Arlington County staff will provide an information presentation on the *Envision Courthouse Square Plan* at the March 5 Commission meeting. The current plan incorporates staff comments from NCPC, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, National Park Service, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. NCPC staff encouraged Arlington to consider heights below the proposed maximum of 210' and focus on other elements of urban design that create successful civic spaces. Further, NCPC staff requested continued engagement with Arlington staff to revisit their signage regulations and how they would apply to any new tall buildings in the Courthouse area that face the National Mall. The Arlington Board supported both NCPC and Arlington Planning staffs' position concerning these issues. Staff from Arlington County and NCPC will continue to work together on the new Urban Design Element to address considerations of character for the monumental core and its setting.



COMPREHENSIVE • PLAN



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Comprehensive Plan

NCPC staff continues its work on the Urban Design and Preservation & Historic Features Elements and plans to submit drafts to the Commission during the spring of 2015. Staff will present the draft visual analysis component of the Urban Design Element at the March 5 Commission meeting.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE**Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative Presented at Penn Quarter Meeting**

On January 28 the Executive Director and Urban Planner **Sarah Moulton** presented the initiative to the Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association. The presentation focused on current opportunities and challenges to improve the Avenue's function and character. Programming, maintenance, economic health, and design issues were discussed.

Personnel Changes

After 13 years with NCPC, Urban Design and Plan Review Director **Shane Dettman** is leaving the agency to join the law firm Holland & Knight where he accepted a land use planner position. During his time at NCPC he developed the agency's Central Files Information System, worked on the *Monumental Core Framework Plan*, and managed several complex review projects including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, and several large-scale perimeter security projects.

In the interim, former division director **David Levy** will serve as acting director of Urban Design and Plan Review. Since departing NCPC in 2011, David worked for the DC Office of Planning and the DC City Administrator's office. We wish Shane all the best and thank him for his service and welcome back David.

Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** is serving a detail in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Economic Resiliency. Public Affairs Specialist **Stephen Staudigl** will serve as acting director during her detail.

NCPC welcomes **Catalina Calachan** who is interning with the Office of Public Engagement through April. Catalina is a second-year student in American University's three year Bachelor's Program within the School of International Service.